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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 10522

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 29TH UNGA; KOREAN REPRESENTATION BEIRUT

REF: DEPTELS 184584 AND 188959; BEIRUT 6458.

1. SUMMARY: NO REPEAT NO DECISION CAN BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE RE GOL POSITION ON KOREAN ITEM AT 29TH UNGA. GOK SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PRESS GOL FOR ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BEIRUT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN VIEW CONTINUED ABSENCE IN BUCHAREST AND ELSEWHERE OF KHALIL HADDAD (ONLY COMPETENT PERSON IN FOREIGN OFFICE WITH WHOM ONE CAN DISCUSS UN ISSUES AND WHO WILL BE SPARKPLUG OF GOL DEL AT 29TH UNGA), WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT YET DISCUSSED DEPTTEL 184584 WITH FOREIGN OFFICE. IN VIEW, HOWEVER, OF DEPTTEL 188959 EMB OFF AND I MET WITH FONOFF'S ACTING SEC GEN ISMAIL ON AUGUST 30TH AND REVIEWED QUESTION OF KOREAN ITEM. ISMAIL TOOK NOTE OF OUR RATHER VIGOROUS PRESENTATION BUT SAID THIS QUESTION WAS FAR BEYOND HIS KEN.

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3. HE DID, HOWEVER, THEN RAISE THE QUESTION OF KOREAN

REPRESENTATION BEIRUT AND SHOWED US A LETTER DATED JUNE 3 FROM FOREIGN MINISTER DONG JO BESPEAKING SOUTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION BEIRUT. ISMAIL, WHO IS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND GOLFING PARTNER OF CURRENT SOUTH KOREAN TRADE COMMISSIONER CHUNG, STATED THAT DONG JO'S LETTER RAISES SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR MODERATE ELEMENTS GOL AND HAS THEREFORE REMAINED UNANSWERED. HE AND CHUNG NOT ONLY MEET FREQUENTLY SOCIALLY BUT ALSO PROFESSIONALLY AND CHUNG DEFINITELY PLAYS ROLE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE IN ADDITION TO HIS ACTIVE COMMERCIAL FORTS. ISMAIL SAID THAT EVEN MODERATE ELEMENTS HERE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE BOTH SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION IN BEIRUT. I THEN TOOK SAME LINE WITH ISMAIL AS I DID WITH FATTAL AS REPORTED OUR 6458. ISMAIL SAID HE AGREED TOTALLY BUT THAT LETTER FROM DONG JO HAD REOPENED THE ISSUE AND THAT IT WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT HIGH RANKING GOL BRASS (READ PRIME MINISTER TAKIEDDINE SOLH OR SOME OTHER MISGUIDED MISSILE) MIGHT ON THE BASIS OF LEBANESE "NEUTRALITY" AND POSITION IN THE ARAB WORLD AUTHORIZE BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION HERE.

4. I AM DISAPPOINTED IN DON JO HAVING SIGNED THE JUNE 3RD LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER NAFFAH, FOR HE WAS NOT TAKING THIS LINE WITH ME WHEN HE VISITED HERE LATE MAY-EARLY JUNE. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY SEOUL BE ASKED TO DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN SEOUL, INDICATING THAT IF GOK SUCCEEDS IN ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC MISSION BEIRUT THEY SHOULD EXPECT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO HAVE A NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION ALSO LOCATED HERE. THE ONLY LOSER IN SUCH A DEAL, IN ADDITION TO THE LEBANON, WOULD BE THE GOK.  
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